



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration

**DOT Auto Safety Hotline**  
**Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire**  
**To Report Vehicle Safety Defects**  
1-888-DASH-2-DOT  
(1-888-327-4236)  
INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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**OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)**

Name

Address

City

MORRISVILLE

State

NC

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? ☐ YES ☒ NO  
In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA will not provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.  
Signature of Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date 7/6/09

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

17 digit vehicle identification number located at bottom of windshield on driver's side

WDBJF55F2VA

Make

MERCEDES BENZ

Model

E320

Model Year

1997

Date Purchased

1999

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Euro Motor, Bethesda, MD

Engine:

No: Cylinders

4

Fuel Type:

Gasoline

Original Owner

☐

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type

Auto

☒ Antilock Brakes

☒ Cruise Control

Powertrain

Multiple Failure:

Incident Date(s)

25-JUN-2009

**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Vehicle Component Code: 141000 AIR BAGS: FRONTAL

Failure Mileage

190000

Failure Speed

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE**

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)

DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)

☐ Original Equipment  
☐ Prior Repair

Failure Location:

Tire Component Code

Tire Failure Type:

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE**

Make:

Date Manufactured:

Model No./Name:

Seat Type:

Installation System:

Child Seat Component Code:

Failed Part:

**APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION**

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash

☒ Yes ☐ No

Fire

☐ Yes ☒ No

Number of Persons Injured

1

Number of Deaths

0

Reported to Police

Y

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).

Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

TL\*THE CONTACT OWNS A 1997 MERCEDES BENZ E320. WHILE DRIVING AT AN UNKNOWN SPEED, THE CONTACT'S VEHICLE WAS REAR ENDED AND PUSHED INTO ONCOMING TRAFFIC. THE VEHICLE CRASHED INTO THE FRONT OF ANOTHER VEHICLE. THE AIR BAGS FAILED TO DEPLOY. THERE WAS ONE INJURY AND A POLICE REPORT WAS FILED. THE VIN WAS UNKNOWN. THE CURRENT AND FAILURE MILEAGES WERE 190,000.

The vehicle is totaled.

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974-Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a Manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.